

## Functions of the Far North District Licensing Committee

Annual Report for the 12-month period ending 30 June 2023

Section 199 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 requires the Far North District Council submit an annual report. This report is for the 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 licensing period.

### Name of District Licensing Committee

Far North District Licensing Committee

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### Number of Licenses and Managers Certificates issued and refused in the 2022-2023 financial year

Within the Far North District there are a total of 258 licensed premises (51 clubs, 123 on license and 84 off licenses).

*Note: the 2022-2023 financial year runs from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023*

## Licenses 2022-2023

Type of License	New Licence	Number Renewed	Number Refused	Number Withdrawn
On License	15	34	1	0
Off License	11	25	1	1
Club License	3	11	0	0
Special License	108	N/A	0	9

## Manager's certificates 2022-2023

Number Issued(New)	159
Number Renewed	208
Number Refused	1
Number Withdrawn	12

### Comments on any changes or trends in the Committee's workload in 2022-2023

During 2022-2023 the Committee has seen an increase in the number of hearings it has held. The Community has been more active in voicing its concerns with applications and the Inspectorate has been opposing applications due to the applicant's suitability or in support of Community concerns. In 2022-2023, 12 DLC hearings were held compared to no DLC hearing held in 2021-2022.

On 9 February 2023, the Council established a second DLC to ease the pressure of workload.

The number of licenses (ON/OFF/CLUB) remain similar to last year.

### Comments on any new initiatives the Committee has developed/adopted in 2022-2023

The DLC continues to include Tikanga or Māori customs within hearing settings as appropriate.

On 1 May 2023, the DLC published nine practice notes. These practice notes will help applicants understand the DLC's approach on the Act when considering applications.

### Has your Committee developed a Local Alcohol Policy?

The Committee has not developed a Local Alcohol Policy.

Committee's do not develop LAPs, Territorial Authorities do. As we have to assess applications against a LAP it is important that the DLC maintains its separation of this process.

In saying that, the Committee would welcome any council move to resurrect the LAP process once the new rules come in force.

Any consultative community guidelines will be welcomed by the DLC when we consider applications in the future.

### Comments on the ways in which the Committee believe the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 is, or is not, achieving its object. Note: the object of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 is that:

- a) *The sale, supply and consumption should be undertaken safely and responsibly; and*
- b) *The harm caused by the excessive or inappropriate consumption of alcohol should be minimised.*

We now have a number of years' worth of case law in which to draw from in making decisions. The meaning of the Act is starting to come to fruition.

## What changes or trends in licensing have you seen since the Act came into force?

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The interest from hāpu and iwi to engage in this space, and to have a say over licensing matters.

## What changes to practices and procedures under the Act would you find beneficial?

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Clear requirements within section 53 of the Act to ensure those providing food comply with the Food Act 2014 requirements. The Food Act 2014 requires most food businesses to be registered. Whilst we know that the Act and Food Act 2014 must be considered separately, if a licensed premises is offering food to comply with section 53 of the Act, they must also be registered (where required) under the Food Act 2014.

The need for stricter rules and regulations for licensed premises selling alcohol online. Restriction on products that can be sold online, and strict delivery times must be introduced.

Clear regulations on licensed premises selling alcohol on social media i.e., Facebook. Clear rules and guidelines need to be introduced which clarifies whether a licensed premises promoting their product on Facebook is acceptable or not.

The ability to add condition to prohibit high volume single serve alcohol in low socio and high alcohol harm communities, without acceptance from the applicant or the need for a hearing. A greater consideration of licensing in remote regions drafting practise or procedural amendments. Sometimes the Act doesn't fit our districts circumstances well.

Some advice to applicants about why they must have compliant water supply, their obligations to meet all other Acts.

## Appendix

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The following statistical information is attached:

1. Annual Return
2. Current List of Licensed Premises



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